

Heating Bill Could Be Lower This Winter

It's that time of year when our thoughts begin to turn to how much it'll cost to stay warm this winter. Over the past five years, heating bills have doubled for people who have natural gas furnaces.

This September, there's some positive news about the upcoming heating season, at least for the time being. MidAmerican Energy, which supplies natural gas to well over a half-million customers in four states, says this year's situation is an exception to the year-to-year increases we've been paying for that fuel.

Mark Reinders, MidAmerican Energy Communications Manager says, "The current price of natural gas is lower than it was last year at this time, and the predictions for the winter strip are also lower than the same time last year for that winter season. So, it's not a huge amount of difference, but it is still lower."

MidAmerican Energy says that's because natural gas supplies are keeping better pace with demand now than they have the past several years after more wells have been put on line to produce the fuel. Very cold weather, if it comes this winter, could drive prices higher again.

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